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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated February 12, 2002, the Examiner entered a Restriction Requirement, taking the position that the application contains the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-6, drawn to a raceway
- II. Claims 7-26, drawn to a partition
- III. Claims 27-31, drawn to a panel

Applicants elect, with traverse, the invention of group II (claims 7-26).

Claims 1-6 have been amended to recite a partition including a frame and an elevated raceway, such that these claims are also now believed to be included in invention II. Thus, claims 1-26 are now believed to be part of the elected invention.

In the event there are any additional informalities, the courtesy of a telephone call to the undersigned attorney would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claims 1-6 have been amended as follows:

-1-(Amended)

[An elevated] A partition including a partition frame and a raceway arrangement for routing utility lines in a vertically spaced relationship above [the] an upper edge of [a] the partition, said raceway arrangement comprising:

[a] an elevated raceway defining an elongated passageway configured to retain utility lines in a horizontally extending manner;

a first support member extending downwardly from said elevated raceway and having a first connector spaced apart from said elevated raceway a first vertical distance, said first connector [configured to attach] attached to [a] said partition [panel] frame proximate an upper edge portion having a first height;

a second support member extending downwardly from said raceway and having a second connector spaced apart from said raceway a second vertical distance that is different from said first vertical distance said second connector attached to said partition frame proximate an upper edge portion having a second height that is different from said first height, such that said raceway is supported at a generally uniform vertical height spaced above [an] said upper edge of [a] said partition having [sections] portions with different heights.

-2-(Amended)

The [elevated raceway] partition set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said raceway has an upwardly opening U-shape to permit lay-in of utility lines.

-3-(Amended)

The [elevated raceway] partition set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said raceway includes a U-shaped channel and a flexible flap closing off said U-shaped channel.

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-4-(Amended)

The [elevated raceway] partition set forth in claim 1, wherein:
said raceway [included] includes a U-shaped channel and a pair of flexible flaps
cantilevered towards one another and closing off said U-shaped channel.

-5-(Amended)

The [elevated raceway] partition set forth in claim 1, wherein:
said raceway includes a first section having a pair of support members, each having a
connector spaced apart from said raceway at said first distance; and
said raceway including a second section having a pair of support members, each having
a connector spaced apart from said raceway at said second distance.

-6-(Amended)

The [elevated raceway] partition set forth in claim 1, wherein:
said raceway includes a pair of downwardly opening grooves extending along a lower
side of said raceway, said first and second support members including a pair of extensions
received in said grooves.